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1. IN CENTO SECRETARIAT'S DRAFT OF POLITICAL GUIDANCE PAPER CIRCULATED MAY 8, SECTION IV - DIRECTIVES FOR MILITARY PLANNING (PARAS 15-22) READS AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE 15. THE AD HOC POLITICAL WORKING GROUP RECOMMEND

THAT THE COUNCIL OF DEPUTIES REQUEST THAT MILITARY, ECONOMIC AND COUNTER-SUBVERSION

COMMITTEES TO CONSIDER EFFORTS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE FIELDS TO MAINTAIN THE DETERRENCE OF THE ALLIANCE IN THE LIGHT OF THE ASSESSMENT OF THE SITUATION IN THE CENTO AREA SUMMARIZED ABOVE, AND TO SUBMIT THEIR VIEWS TO THE COUNCIL OF DEPUTIES. HOWEVER, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DIRECTIVE OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS IN TEHRAN, 1973, TO REVISE AND UPDATE POLITICAL GUIDANCE FOR MILITARY PLANNERS AS EXPEDITIOUSLY AS POSSIBLE, FOLLOWING POLITICAL DIRECTIVES ARE APPROVED
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AT THE TIME FOR MILITARY PLANNING PURPOSES:

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16. CONTINGENCY PLANS ARE TO BE PREPARED TO REPEL DIRECT AGGESSION AGAINST ANY OF THE REGIONAL COUNTRIES BY THE MILITARY FORCES OF THE SOVIET UNION.

17. MILITARY CONTINGENCY PLANS SHOULD BE DEVELOPED FOR THE EVENT OF A THIRD COUNTRY CARRYING OUT HOSTILITIES AGAINST A CENTO COUNTRY, WHICH ARE CLEARLY SOVIET INSPIRED.

18. IN ALL THE CONTINGENCY PLANS, MILITARY PLANNING SHOULD TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE POSSIBLE USE BY THE USSR OF THE MILITARY CAPABILITIES - INCLUDING ARMED FORCES, AIR FIELDS, PORTS AND THE INFRA-STRUCTURE - IN COUNTRIES WHICH ARE NEIGHBORS OF CENTO REGIONAL COUNTRIES AND ARE FREINDLY TO THE SOVIET UNION.

19. THE COUNTERING OF SUBVERSION IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF NATIONAL AUTHORITIES AND WITHIN THE CENTO CONTEXT OF THE COUNTER SUBVERSION COMMITTEE AND LIAISION COMMITTEE. HOWEVER, SINCE THE ACTIVITIES OF SUBVERSIVE ELEMENTS AND INSURRECTIONALISTS FREQUENTLY MERGE, THERE IS NOW A REQUIREMENT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CLOSE LIAISON BETWEEN THE MILITARY COMMITTEE AND THE COUNTER SUBVERSION AND LIAISON COMMITTEES. SUCH LIAISON SHOULD ESTABLISH RELEVANT FIELDS OF RESPONSIBILITY AND DEVELOP PLANS FOR THE EXCHANGE OF PERTINENT INFORMATION AND FOR THE HOLDING OF JOINT SEMINARS, TRAINING COURSES, ETC.

20. TO ASSIST NATIONAL AUTHORITIES IN COUNTERING SUBVERSION CENTO PLANS ARE TO BE DEVELOPED FOR THE PREVENTION OF SOVIET ARMS BEING INTRODUCED ILLEGALLY INTO REGIONAL COUNTRIES. SUCH PLANS MIGHT INCLUDE:

(A) EXCHANGE OF INTELLIGENCE ON SUCH ACTIVITY.

(B) COORDINATION OF LAND, SEA AND AIR PATROLS AND OPERATIONS AGAINST SUCH ACTIVITIES.

(C) PROVISION OF ASSISTANCE TO REGIONAL COUNTRIES IN THE FORM OF EXPERTISE, TELECOMMUNICATIONS APPARATUS AND

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OTHER ANCILLARY EQUIPMENT, TO ENABLE THEM TO FIGHT SUBVERSION.

21. PLANS ARE NOT TO BE DEVELOPED FOR JOINT OPERATIONS IN THE EVENT OF DOMESTIC INSURRECTION WITHIN A CENTO COUNTRY, SINCE THIS IS A MATTER FOR NATIONAL AUTHORITIES. NEITHER ARE PLANS TO BE PREPARED TO COVER OPERATIONS IN THE CASE OF BORDER INCIDENTS WITH COUNTRIES BORDERING CENTO COUNTRIES,

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SINCE SUCH SITUATIONS ARE CONSIDERED A NATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY.
IN THIS LATTER CASE, HOWEVE, A SYSTEM FOR THE EXCHANGE OF
INTELLIGENCE COVERING ANY SOVIET INVOLVEMENT IN SUCH INCIDENTS,
IS TO BE DEVELOPED.

22. PLANS ARE TO BE DEVELOPED FOR THE EXCHANGE
OF INFORMATION AND EXPERIENCE CONCERNING METHODS AND
TECHNIQUES OF COMBATING INSURRECTION. SUCH PLANS SHOULD
COVER JOINT TRAINING PROGRAMMES SUCH AS SEMINARS, EXCHANGE
OF EXPERTS, ETC. END QUOTE.

2. FYI: SECRETARIAL DRAFT POLITICAL GUIDANCE PAPER HAS NOT
BEEN DISCUSSED IN ANY CENTO FORUM. IT WAS AGREED AT
MAY 15 POLITICAL WORKING GROUP MEETING TO REFER IT TO
GOVERNMENTS WITH VIEW TO FURTHER COORDINATION AFTER PROCEDURAL
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